

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A ballistic protection apparatus comprising:
a garment made of ballistic material including a peripheral edge and configured to be received on the body of a person, the ballistic material being configured to resist the penetration of a projectile therethrough into the body of the person; and
a reinforcing member secured proximate to the peripheral edge of the garment and configured to provide roll protection to the peripheral edge of the garment in response to impact from a projectile.
2. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the reinforcing member has a stiffness greater than a stiffness of the garment.
3. (original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the reinforcing member comprises a reinforcing cord extending substantially continuously along the peripheral edge.
4. (original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the reinforcing member has a modulus of elasticity greater than a modulus of elasticity of the garment.
5. (original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the thickness of the reinforcing member is greater than the thickness of the garment.
6. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the garment comprises one of a ballistic belt and a ballistic vest.
7. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising an outer cover substantially surrounding the garment and the reinforcing member.
8. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the garment is formed of polyparaphenylene terephthalamide.
9. (previously amended) A ballistic article comprising:
a flexible armor member including a peripheral edge; and
a flexible reinforcing member located proximate the peripheral edge and configured to provide roll protection to the peripheral edge of the flexible armor member in

response to impact from a projectile by capturing the projectile between the flexible armor member and the reinforcing member.

10. (previously amended) The ballistic article of claim 9, wherein the flexible armor member is configured for use as one of a vehicle armor, a vessel armor, an aircraft armor, a ballistic shield, a ballistic garment, and an explosive blast mat.

11. (original) The ballistic article of claim 9, wherein the reinforcing member comprises a body having a stiffness greater than a stiffness of the armor member.

12. (original) The ballistic article of claim 11, wherein the reinforcing member comprises a reinforcing cord extending substantially continuously along the peripheral edge.

13. (original) The ballistic article of claim 11, wherein the reinforcing member has a modulus of elasticity greater than a modulus of elasticity of the armor member.

14. (original) The ballistic article of claim 11, wherein the thickness of the reinforcing member is greater than the thickness of the armor member.

15. (currently amended) A ballistic belt comprising:
a central portion of ballistic material having a first stiffness; and
upper and lower edge portions of ballistic material having a second stiffness and coupled to the central portion, the second stiffness being greater than the first stiffness; and wherein the ballistic material is configured to resist the penetration of a projectile therethrough.

16. (original) The ballistic belt of claim 15, wherein the upper and lower edge portions each comprises a body secured to the central portion.

17. (original) The ballistic belt of claim 15, wherein the upper and lower edge portions each have a modulus of elasticity greater than a modulus of elasticity of the central portion.

18. (original) The ballistic belt of claim 15, wherein the thickness of each of the upper and lower edge portions is greater than the thickness of the central portion.

19. (original) The ballistic belt of claim 15, further comprising a protective cover substantially surrounding the central portion and the upper and lower edge portions.

20. (original) The ballistic belt of claim 15, further comprising a releasable fastener supported by the central portion and configured to operably couple with a garment to releasably secure the ballistic belt to a garment.

21. (original) A ballistic belt comprising:
a central portion of ballistic material;
upper and lower edge portions coupled to the central portion; and an outer cover substantially surrounding the central portion and the upper and lower edge portions.

22. (original) The ballistic belt of claim 21, wherein the outer cover defines a seam on a rear side of the ballistic belt.

23. (original) The ballistic belt of claim 21, further comprising a releasable fastener supported by the outer cover and configured to operably couple with a garment to releasably secure the ballistic belt to the garment.

24. (original) The ballistic belt of claim 21, wherein the central portion has a first stiffness, and the upper and lower edge portions have a second stiffness, the second stiffness being greater than the first stiffness.